

# FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of the guideline is to define the requirements for being a Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) and its ongoing training and other responsibilities.

## SCOPE

FAO, Officers.

## POLICY

- DIFR provides the training required in house but encourages any learning that will supplement the FAO's education.
- A FAO is not required to be a Firefighter. An unrestricted, valid Alabama driver's license shall be required.
- A FAO is a member trained to a specific standard, familiar with applicable SOGs and the knowledge required to safely drive and operate an apparatus during an emergency.
- A FAO shall be able to perform a preconnect operation, be familiar with the equipment on the apparatus and their uses and understand when and how to request more resources through the OIC.
- FAO shall provide routine maintenance on the apparatus under the guidelines of the fleet manager.
- The AHJ may take into consideration certifications a candidate has from accredited organizations during the probationary process.

## PROCEDURE

Before a FAO candidate can operate an apparatus the following is required:

- VFIS EVOG
- Maintenance and Inspection
- Road travel observation by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

Before a FAO candidate can operate an apparatus during an emergency the following is required:

- Preconnect 1
- Preconnect 2
- Preconnect 3
- Fire Chief Approval

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A FAO is expected to attend 80% of courses offered and all mandatory courses (*Hydrogen Sulfide, example*). It is the FAO's responsibility to make arrangements for missed course work.

If a FAO shows a deficiency in their skills, poor attendance or unsafe practices the OIC shall provide remediation. If remediation does not correct the problem the AHJ will take appropriate actions to provide for the safety of the members, the public and the mission.

### **REFERENCES**

- DIFR Training Curriculum